

Project details

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Partners	University of Amsterdam, University of Groningen, University of Leiden, Wageningen University, Netherlands Institute for Scientific Information (NIWI)
Programme	DARE, Digital Academic Repositories
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Objective

DARC is an initiative of the African Studies Centre (ASC) in Leiden to make Africanist research material and information accessible through a community portal on the Internet.

As a result of a previous grant from the SURF Foundation allocated to the DARC-1 project (August 2003 - March 2004), a pilot service for African Studies in the Netherlands, Connecting-Africa, was launched in April 2004

The DARC-2 project aims to extend the pilot service with more functionality, full participation by four universities (Amsterdam, Groningen, Leiden and Wageningen) and a learning environment for the proposed Research Masters Programme in African Studies, due to start in September 2005.

Deliverables:

- DARE guidelines for the implementation and use of a "digital author identifier" (as part of DARE work package).
- Selective OAI-PMH harvesting criteria for identifying relevant African Studies materials from university repositories (by 31-12-2005).
- Submissions of relevant publications and scientific materials to DARE repositories by 25 % of the Africanists' population at the universities and research centres in Amsterdam, Groningen, Leiden and Wageningen (by 28-02-2006).
- A pilot for the proposed African Research Masters linking existing digital learning environments to the DARE repositories in Amsterdam, Groningen, Leiden and Wageningen (by 28-02-2006).

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